

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, many of us take communication for granted, but illness or injury makes speaking and hearing a challenge for many Americans; and

WHEREAS, by impairing communication, speech, language, and hearing disorders can limit academic achievement, social adjustment, and career advancement; and

WHEREAS, audiologists and speech-language pathologists are professionals who specialize in the identification and treatment of communication disorders, conditions that affect approximately 42 million Americans; and

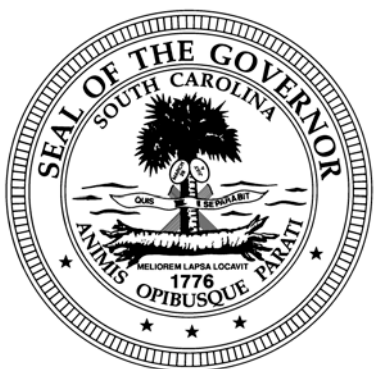
WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and proper treatment, most people with communication disorders can lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each year during the month of May, audiologists and speech-language pathologists throughout South Carolina and the nation make a special effort to inform, educate, and raise public awareness of speech, language, and hearing disorders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2004 as

BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure that people with speech, language, and hearing disorders have access to quality services to help them communicate effectively.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", written in a cursive style.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA